

Remarks/Arguments

I. Amendments to the Specification:

Applicants have corrected the deleted material to be compliant with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 by using strikethrough for deletions except for deletions of 5 or fewer characters, which may use double brackets.

II. Amendments to the drawings:

Applicants have corrected the drawing sheets to include all of the figures appearing in the immediate prior version of the sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b), and to include the wording "Replacement Sheet" in the top margin in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d).

III. Amendments to the claims:

Applicants have corrected the deleted material in the amended claims to be compliant with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 by using strikethrough for deletions except that deletions of 5 or fewer characters may use double brackets.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 6-7, 10-11, 15-18, 20-21, 24-25, 27-28, 31, 34, 37-39, 41, and 43.

Applicants have cancelled claims 2-5, 22-23, 33, 35-36, and 45-54.

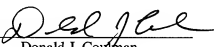
Therefore, in view of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, Applicants believe the present application to be in a condition suitable for allowance. Examiner is respectfully urged to reconsider the present Application in light of the foregoing Amendment, and pass the amended Application to allowance.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' representative at (541) 715-1694 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Favorable action by the Examiner is solicited.

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